

AMENDMENTS TO THE IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 31 as follows:

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1.-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Amended) A photovoltaic element encapsulated in a stack structure with an encapsulant resin and a surface member in an order of the photoelectric element, the encapsulant resin and the surface member, the encapsulant resin comprising a hot-melt polymer resin comprising an ultraviolet absorbing agent dissolved therein, wherein the dissolved ultraviolet absorbing agent has a concentration gradient in the direction of thickness of the encapsulant resin,

wherein the concentration of the ultraviolet absorbing agent is higher at a location near a light incident surface of the encapsulant resin.

15. -26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Amended) The photovoltaic element according to Claim 14, further comprising a silane coupling agent dissolved in the encapsulant resin.

28. (Previously Amended) The photovoltaic element according to Claim 27, wherein the concentration of the silane coupling agent is higher at a location near the photovoltaic element.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Amended) The photovoltaic element according to Claim 27, wherein the concentration of the silane coupling agent is higher at a location in the encapsulant resin near the surface member.

31. (Currently Amended) The photovoltaic element according to Claim ~~27~~30, wherein the concentration of the silane coupling agent is higher at a location near the photovoltaic element.

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